

Appln No. 10/783,227
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28-34 are pending. Claims 20, 22-25 and 27 have been canceled.

Claims 20, 22-23, and 25 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kiyonaga et al. (U.S. 5,652,767). Claims 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Tomofuji et al. (US 6,496,552). Claims 24 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kiyonaga. Claims 28-34 have been allowed.

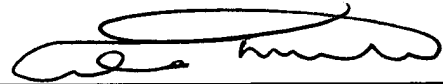
In an attempt to advance prosecution of this case, Applicant has canceled rejected claims 20, 22-25, and 27.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance of the now pending claims 28-34.

Respectfully submitted,

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